

**REMARKS**

Claims 2-6 are now pending in this application. As the Examiner will note, claim 1 has been canceled, and claims 2-6 have been added by way of this Preliminary Amendment. Claims 2-6 have been added to better place this application better form in accordance with U.S. patent practice. Entry thereof is respectfully requested.

**Conclusion**

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Mr. Joseph A. Kolasch (Reg. No. 22,463) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or

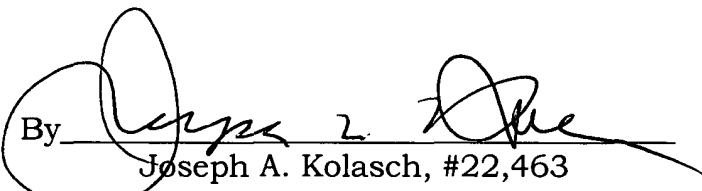


1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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